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Contract

Stacking of nature market credits

Defra Network eTendering Portal

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03efe0

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Contact

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

Buyer's address

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Stacking of nature market credits

Reference number

C20564

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73110000 - Research services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Nature Markets Framework, published in March 2023, sets out the principles required

to ensure environmental integrity while combining multiple ecosystem service revenue streams from a single intervention r (stacking), but Defra is yet to make a decision on whether to increase the number of circumstances where stacking is allowed in nature markets. There lacks a sound evidence base to inform this decision, and it is unclear what stacking model would be most effective at delivering Defra's environmental and private finance ambitions as well as the effect on costs to developers within our compliance markets (biodiversity net gain and nutrient neutrality). This research is a critical enabler to deliver on Defra's commitment to provide clarity to landowners on the ability to stack credits on their land that was set out in the Nature Markets Framework.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £149,347

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79311400 - Economic research services
- 73210000 - Research consultancy services
- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 79310000 - Market research services
- 66152000 - Financial market regulatory services
- 90713000 - Environmental issues consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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whether to increase the number of circumstances where stacking is allowed in nature markets. There lacks a sound evidence base to inform this decision, and it is unclear what stacking model would be most effective at delivering Defra's environmental and private finance ambitions as well as the effect on costs to developers within our compliance markets (biodiversity net gain and nutrient neutrality). This research is a critical enabler to deliver on Defra's commitment to provide clarity to landowners on the ability to stack credits on their land that was set out in the Nature Markets Framework.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: E01 - Health and Safety / Weighting: 0

Quality criterion - Name: E02 - Approach and Methodology / Weighting: 40

Quality criterion - Name: E03 - Staff / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: E04 - Project Management / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: E05 - Risk / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: S01 - Sustainability / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: C01 - Total Fixed Cost / Weighting: 30

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

31 March 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ove Arup and Partners Limited

8 Fitzroy Street London

London

W1T 4BJ

Email

uk.procurement@arup.com

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

1312453

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £150,000

Lowest offer: £126,201 / Highest offer: £149,347 taken into consideration

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Proportion: 43 %

Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted

Creation of deliverables

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

Email

publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

Email

publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

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